

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the attached amendments and accompanying remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 8-13 and 15-31 are all the claims currently pending in the application. Independent Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 18 and 19 have been amended to recite:

a user instruction input means for dynamically changing the text display setting information, wherein text of a preceding text section which preceded the text section and text of a succeeding text section succeeds the text section are respectively displayed in two adjacent areas across the text section displayed at the predetermined reference position

Claim 18 has been amended to additionally recite:

wherein changing a text display setting of the text to be synchronously displayed with reproduction of the picture, and wherein, when the text display setting of the text is changed, said scroll speed is derived on the basis of the changed text display setting of the text

Each of the independent Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 18, and 19 comprises a user instruction input means (105) for dynamically changing the text display setting information, wherein text of a preceding text section which precedes the text section and text of a succeeding text section which succeeds the text section are respectively displayed in two adjacent areas across the text section displayed at the predetermined reference position. In addition, independent Claim 11 additionally recites the language quoted, *supra*. Support for the amendments can be found in claims 6, 7 and 14, which have now been cancelled.

In the Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holtz et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub No. 2002/0109710, hereafter “Holtz”) in view of Martin et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0143944, hereafter “Martin”). The Examiner takes the position that the first quoted limitation can be

found in paragraphs [0265-0780] and Figs. 23A and 23B of Holtz. With respect to the second-quoted limitation, the Examiner (Official Action, page 10) makes broad reference to Figs. 15, 21, 22, 23A-B, and paragraphs [0132-0142 and 265-283]. From Applicant's review of Holtz, and in particular, the portions relied upon by the Examiner, Applicants find that in Holtz, progress indicator 2304 shows progress as the script scrolls from the beginning to the end of the script, and does not appear to show or suggest a user instruction means which dynamically changes the text display setting information to display both preceding and succeeding text sections in addition to the text at the predetermined reference position. Nor does Holtz appear to show or suggest the additional language, quoted *supra*, with regard to Claim 11. Thus, Holtz fails to show or suggest the claim language now found in each of Applicant's independent claims. Martin has not been relied upon for these features. In sum, Holtz and Martin neither disclose nor suggest the user instruction input means as recited in each of Applicant's independent claims. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 18, and 19 and the claims dependent there from, are believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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